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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A circuit comprising:

a differential sense circuit;

a latch;

said differential sense circuit and said latch being coupled so as to form a differential sense latch such that, in operation, an electronic signal stored in said latch is retained for at least one clock cycle, wherein said differential sense circuit is coupled to said latch in a push-pull configuration.

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